

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/004892 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Before amendment, the specification included two Example 11s and no Example 10. Accordingly, it is obvious that the first of the two Example 11s should have been designated Example 10. To correct this obvious error, the subtitle on page 26, line 1 has been amended to read "Example 10".

Claim 1 has been amended to replace "characterized by" with "comprising" to better conform with U.S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 1 has also been amended to replace "R3" with "R³" in formula Vd to correct an obvious typographical error. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claims 1-6 have been amended to recite "A polysiloxane" to better conform with U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claims 3-7, 9, and 11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

Claim 3 has been amended to recite that "no elements of formula Va-d are present." Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, line 5 - page 3, line 29; in Examples 1-8; and in original claim 3. See *In re*

Gardner, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l) (8th ed. Rev. 2, May 2004, pp. 600-73 and 600-81 to 600-82).

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to recite methods. Support for these amendments is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, line 5 - page 3, line 9 and page 16, line 6 - page 17, line 14; in Examples 10 and 11; and in original claims 7 and 8, respectively. See *Id.*

Claims 9-11 have been amended to recite "A composition" to better conform with U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims in any way.

Claim 10 has also been amended to replace "comprising in addition" with "further comprising" to better conform with U. S. practice. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim in any way.

Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice.

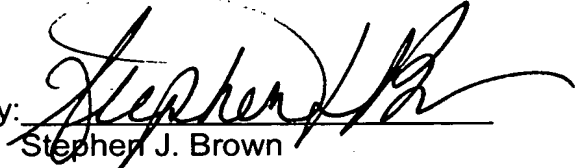
Claim 13 has been added. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, line 5 - page 3, line 9 and page 16, line 6 - page 17, line 11; and in Examples 10 and 11.

Claim 14 has been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form in claim 11. Support for this claim is found in the specification at, for example, page 2, line 5 - page 3, line 9 and page 16, line 6 - page 17, line 11; in Examples 10 and 11; and in original claims 7 and 8, respectively. See *Id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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